

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): An electronic ticket management system comprising:

an event organizer apparatus for planning an event;

an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus for distributing electronic ticket information that authenticates a right to attend the event;

an information storage chip for storing the electronic ticket information; and

an electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information,

wherein the event organizer apparatus creates event information unique to each event, and registers the event information in the electronic ticket platform center;

wherein the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus receives a request to distribute the electronic ticket information concerning the event from a user of the information storage chip, performs distribution authentication processing for determining whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to the user, and registers an authentication result in the electronic ticket platform center as ticket issuing information; and

wherein the electronic ticket platform center creates an electronic ticket information master based on the event information registered by the event organizer apparatus, relates the ticket issuing information registered by the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus to the electronic ticket information master, and performs ticket issuing processing for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information.

Claims 2-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus for distributing electronic ticket information which authenticates a right to attend an event, wherein the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus receives a request to distribute the electronic ticket information concerning the event from a user of an information storage chip, performs distribution authentication processing for determining whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to the user, registers an authentication result in an electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information as ticket issuing information, and instructs the electronic ticket platform center to perform ticket issuing processing for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip of the user based on the ticket issuing information.

Claim 15 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein an event organizer apparatus for planning an event manages an allocation ratio of the electronic ticket information.

Claim 16 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the request to distribute the electronic ticket information from the user is sent via a network.

Claim 17 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein an electronic ticket information distribution store terminal is provided, and the request to distribute the electronic ticket information from the user is sent via the electronic ticket information distribution store terminal.

Claim 18 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the electronic ticket information includes user information concerning the user of the information storage chip.

Claims 19-51 (canceled).

Claim 52 (original): An electronic ticket management system using an information storage chip for storing electronic ticket information which authenticates a right to attend a specific event, the electronic ticket management system comprising:

an electronic ticket information forming unit for forming event information unique to each event, and for forming electronic ticket information in correspondence with event information;

an electronic ticket information writer for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip; and

an electronic ticket information reader installed at an event venue corresponding to the event information, for reading the electronic ticket information stored in the information storage chip and for permitting a user of the information storage chip to enter the event venue only when the integrity of the event information stored in the read electronic ticket information is verified.

Claim 53 (canceled).

Claim 54 (original): An electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of electronic ticket information by using an information storage chip for storing the electronic ticket information which authenticates a right to attend a specific event venue, the electronic ticket platform center comprising:

an electronic ticket information reader installed at an event venue for reading the electronic ticket information stored in the information storage chip and for permitting a user of the information storage chip to enter the event venue only when the integrity of the event information stored in the read electronic ticket information is verified, thereby managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information.

Claims 55-60 (canceled).